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DNR Staff Retirements

Marie Leat, an Environmental Specialist in the Water Supply Operations Section, will be retiring on December 30, 2022.

Marie has served the people of Iowa for over 30 years by implementing different elements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Underground Storage Tank program with dedication and passion for the resource.

Marie started as one of the original Leaking Underground Storage Tank program staff in the early '90s, then onto the Contaminated sites section, then the Nonpoint Source Section 319 program, and transferred to the Water Supply Operations Section in June 2007. Marie has served on numerous committees and workgroups over the years providing insight and developing procedures for the Drinking Water Program. Her experience and expertise have led her to become one of the program's experts on drinking water compliance and enforcement.

Marie's retirement plans include more time working on her hobbies, time in the garden, traveling, and learning Spanish.

Gabe Lee, PE, Environmental Engineer Senior in the Water Supply Engineering Section, will be retiring on December 28, 2022.

Gabe has served the people of Iowa for 35 years by implementing different elements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Clean Water Act, and constructing DNR's recreation facilities with dedication and passion.

Gabe started as an environmental engineer in the Wastewater Engineering Section in 1988 at the tail-end of the EPA's Construction Grant Program and as part of the original team implementing the Clean Water SRF program in 1989. Gabe later became the Chief of DNR Construction Bureau where he led the bureau in constructing and updating DNR recreation resources. After transferring to Water Supply Engineering Section to work on drinking water construction projects, Gabe was involved in coordinating and working in both Clean Water and Drinking Water SRFs along with other team members. He has also worked with consulting engineers and their clients on constructing very small to regional facilities, which included

various phases of Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Facility and Dubuque's Bee Branch Restoration projects.

Gabe's retirement plans include spending more time with family like doting on his first grandchild, traveling in US and internationally, home updating projects promised to his wife many, many years ago.

After Gabe's retirement, if you have any questions for an environmental engineer related to distribution systems, please contact Bob Campbell at 515-805-4523. If you have any questions for an environmental engineer related to SRF, please contact Taroon Bidar at 515-725-0278.

SRF SFY 2022 Annual Reports Now Available

The Iowa State Revolving Fund (SRF) issues two documents each year for the Clean Water SRF and the Drinking Water SRF Programs: the Intended Use Plan (IUP) and the Annual Report. The Intended Use Plans are published at the beginning of the state fiscal year and outline the goals and objectives for each program area and are updated quarterly. Annual Reports are published after the end of the state fiscal year and show results, accomplishments, and how well the goals and objectives were met.

The Iowa SRF has provided over \$4.5 billion in cumulative assistance as of SFY 2022 and continues to be an effective and cost-efficient mechanism for financing projects to protect water quality and public health.

Detailed information is included in the fiscal year 2022 SRF Annual Report for the Clean Water and Drinking Water Programs covering July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

[2022 Annual Report](#)

FY 2023 Intended Use Plan Q3 Update Approved

The Iowa Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) approved the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Intended Use Plans (IUP) third-quarter update for fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023). The Commission took the action on December 13, 2022, during their meeting.

This update incorporates Annex A to the Clean Water IUP and Annex A to the Drinking Water IUP which describe the intended uses of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) General Supplemental Funds. Attachment 1- Project Priority List of the CWSRF and DWSRF IUPs include projects approved for both base SRF and BIL General Supplemental Funds.

[Clean Water State Revolving Fund](#)

[Drinking Water State Revolving Fund](#)

For more information on BIL, please visit our [BIL Funding Opportunities](#) webpage. BIL questions can be directed to water-infrastructure@dnr.iowa.gov.

For IUP questions, contact Theresa Enright, SRF Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 515-725-0498 or theresa.enright@dnr.iowa.gov.

Iowa DNR Lead Service Line Inventory Webpage Updated

The [Iowa DNR Lead Service Line Inventory Webpage](#) has been updated. The updates include the following:

- The **Iowa DNR Lead Service Line Inventory Template** has been updated with a minor change. The change is:
 - Column W "General Notes" was locked and no comments could be added into the column. That column has now been unlocked and comments can be entered.
- The [Iowa DNR Lead Service Line Inventory Presentation](#) slides have been added. These slides were used during the Iowa DNR Lead Service Line Inventory Virtual Trainings and can be found on the updated webpage under the Iowa DNR On-Line Training and Presentations tab.
- A recording of the [Iowa DNR Lead Service Line Inventory Virtual Training](#) is also now available on the webpage. The recorded virtual training is under the Iowa DNR On-Line Training and Presentations tab.

Second Round of Iowa Lead Service Line Inventory Training to be offered in 2023

At the end of October, the Iowa DNR rolled out the Iowa Lead Service Line Inventory Template. This template will be used by all public water supply systems that are classified as community water systems (CWSs) and non-transient non-community (NTNC) water systems which are required to submit lead service line inventories to the Iowa DNR by October 16, 2024. Initial trainings were conducted late October/early November and now four additional 2023 dates for that initial training have been added.

Jan 24, 2023 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlKfuuhpzMiG9Xu0tlkjsH4p4bFJGZldYFE>

Jan 26, 2023 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAucOyprjgjHNDbbclBD1Wv-qtfEn9dWXGZ>

Jan 31, 2023 01:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkd-2qpzsHdV2Og2--6SPJTqTaYFZ5-eO>

Feb 2, 2023 01:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpf-qvqj4iH9aFw9uLt-G92q08JC8WYCih>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Operator Certification: Continuing Education Opportunities

Online and virtual training opportunities are being created and offered through community colleges, state industry associations, national industry associations, EPA, and other state industry partners. All operators should continue to monitor their emails and the Training Calendar on the [Iowa DNR Operator Certification Database](#). Look at the calendar often, as there are new opportunities posted throughout the week.

Please contact Laurie Sharp at (515) 725-0284 with any questions concerning operator certification training.